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LEAGUE FIGHT OPENS; WILSON FIRM PLAN REGULAR AIRSHIP TRIPS TO EUROPE

SEATTLE MYSTERY WOMAN SOUGHT IN CLUE TO MURDER OF DOWSEY, GRAFT HUNTER

Said to Have Been Employed
to Get Information From
Ship Secret Agent.

TO SPRING TRAP SOON.

Slain Man's Knowledge Would
Have Involved Prominent
Northwest Builders.

(Special to The Evening World.)
SEATTLE, July 14.—Search began today for the mysterious woman said to have been employed to get information from Fred A. Dowsey of Shipping Board secret agent, who it is now alleged was murdered here May 2. According to secret service men in Seattle investigating the case, he was about to spring a trap that would have sent some of the most prominent shipbuilders in the Northwest to prison, for frauds reaching into millions of dollars.

With serious charges being insinuated in the shipbuilding cities of the Northwest, big Seattle shipbuilders are making demands that the case be shifted to the bottom to find if gigantic fraud were practiced.

Dowsey was killed by being struck over the right temple while he was in the washroom in the building where the Emergency Fleet officers are housed. A chunk of iron has been found and is believed to have been the weapon used. The woman in the case is declared to have won Dowsey's confidence, apparently, but Government agents say Dowsey was not fooled, but rather obtained much valuable information from her.

Discovery of this and the fact that Dowsey had in his possession papers which he intended to use in closing his case are thought to have led the men implicated to send thugs to kill Dowsey. Two former convicts from Grays Harbor, a wooden shipbuilding centre, were seen around the Security Building, where the shipping offices are located the day of the murder. Coroner Tiffin, who says he was instructed by Government secret agents to say Dowsey died of apoplexy, has called an inquest for tomorrow. He said a sensation will be sprung when men high in shipbuilding circles are subpoenaed as witnesses. This fact is kept secret in Seattle in fear the men whose statements under oath are wanted will leave the city.

Coroner Tiffin declared he complied with the Government request because he was told it would aid in solving the mystery. He said three sets of Government officials have been on the case.

G. H. Douglas, clerk in the Shipping Board office, who found Dowsey's body, said he saw two strangers leave the room he had entered. No trace of these men can be found, Douglas refuses to talk.

Major M. S. Game, Government agent in charge of a force of operatives engaged in investigating the case, intimates he has found evidence as the result of a raid on a bungalow at Olympia yesterday. The bungalow is said to be connected in some way with the Sloan Shipyard operation, but operatives refuse to give any in-

PROFESSOR KILLS BURGLAR ROBBING FRATERNITY HOUSE

B. F. Shappelle of University
of Pennsylvania Shoots
Intruder.

PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—A masked burglar was shot and killed by Prof. Benjamin Franklin Shappelle, head of the department of romantic languages of the summer school of the University of Pennsylvania, in the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity House here today.

The burglar was shot after he threatened death to Prof. Shappelle and others living in the fraternity building. After being wounded he leaped from a second floor window to the yard reeled across the street and died as two policemen reached his side.

The burglar, about twenty-eight and as yet unidentified, had ransacked a room on the second floor occupied by Oscar Kennedy, business manager of the Daily Pennsylvanian. He awakened Hugh R. Robbins, in the next room, and Robbins, after notifying Prof. Shappelle, slipped into a telephone booth at the end of the hall.

Prof. Shappelle, a crack shot who has hunted in Brazil and other South American countries, took a pistol from his dresser and peered into the hallway. He saw the burglar outlined in the light of the room he was leaving. The man wore a mask.

"He leaned forward," Prof. Shappelle said, "and I saw a movement of his arms. There was only one thing to do and I shot."

The burglar collapsed in front of No. 2021 South 39th Street. He was clean shaven, with close cropped black hair in a natural pompadour.

FORD SAYS HE SUGGESTED ARTICLES AGAINST WAR

Testifies in Libel Suit That His
Peace Secretary Wrote
Them.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 14.—Henry Ford took the stand today in his million-dollar libel suit against the Chicago Tribune. Ford followed his son, Edsel, whose explanation of Ford Government contracts occupied the morning.

Asked whether he wrote articles and advertisements disapproving war, he said he had suggested their content, but that the actual writing had been by his peace secretary, William Delavigne.

"Is it not true that you and the Tribune split on preparedness?" Attorney Stevenson asked Ford. "The witness assented, but qualified by saying he did not read the paper."

"You state here," said Mr. Stevenson, "that a Ford article, 'that preparedness is the root of all evil'?"

"Yes, sir," was Ford's answer.

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HYLAN POCKETED IN TRAFFIC JAM AS HIS GUARD FIGHTS

His Honor's Machine Delayed
20 Minutes in Lafayette
Street Mix-Up.

TRUCK MAN ARRESTED.

Drivers Rush to Civilian's Aid
When O'Hara, Not in Uniform, Seizes Him.

The city's business was delayed twenty minutes this morning, the main artery for automobiles to downtown points was blocked for the same length of time and His Honor the Mayor was kept in a "pocket" for one-third of an hour on Lafayette below Canal Street, just because—well, there are various reasons.

Anyhow, Benjamin Weinberg, twenty-five, the chauffeur for a truck owned by Everybody's Express, was accused of the blockade and was dragged to the Elizabeth Street police station without many clothes on, although he was fully dressed when Detective Sergt. (First Grade) Irving O'Hara, the Mayor's bodyguard, jumped up on his truck and demanded to know what he meant by blocking the traffic. O'Hara was in citizen's attire and Weinberg's reply was not elegant but extremely forcible.

The Mayor, as is his custom, came over the Williamsburg Bridge with Lieut. O'Hara and Miss O'Hara, the Mayor's sister-in-law, and the latter left the entourage at Police Headquarters, after which the automobile proceeded into Lafayette Street and found itself into a vortex of vehicles. It appears from some of the stories that Weinberg was zigzagging to get a front place in the line and that accounts for the first introduction of O'Hara to the truck driver.

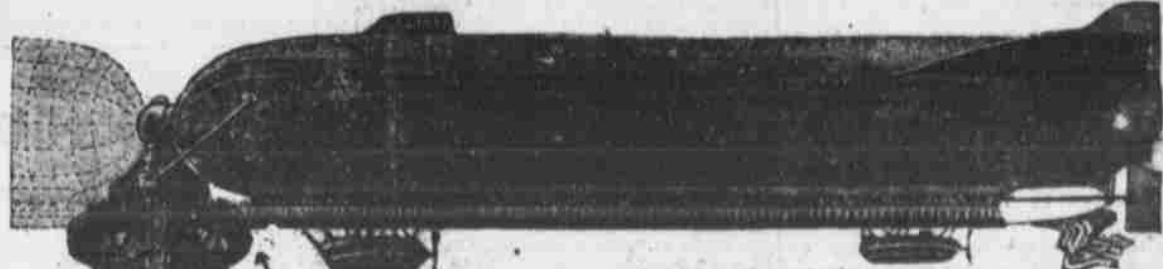
On the other hand rumor has it that the Mayor's chauffeur was making a similar bid for first place because the business of the city was waiting on the arrival of the Mayor at the City Hall. Well, it seems that Weinberg was discourteous to O'Hara for the reason that he didn't recognize him in citizen's attire. And a lot of other truck drivers didn't recognize him, either.

So when O'Hara placed Weinberg under arrest for "disorderly conduct, vile and indecent language," there was a misunderstanding, the busky truckmen rushing to the aid of Weinberg and Weinberg himself, who is built on the order of Willard, making wonderful demonstration with his feet and hands. Then Traffic Cop Miller, who was in uniform, got into the melee and the crowd made allowance for the uniform and didn't scrap so much.

But by this time they had nearly torn the clothes off Weinberg in their efforts to rescue him. Traffic was tied up north, south, east and west and His Honor was farther away from the City Hall than when he started. Cars were stopped and there was greater confusion on Lafayette Street than at any time since the armistice was signed.

At the Elizabeth Street Station Traffic Cop Miller appeared and put an additional charge against Weinberg for not having his license pin, so when he gets through with the O'Hara charges he will be obliged to stand trial in the Traffic Court. When arraigned later before Magistrate Elgar V. Frothingham in Tombs Court, Weinberg was fined \$2 on the charges made by Detective O'Hara. He was then summoned by Patrolman Miller to appear in Traffic Court tomorrow morning.

How Ocean Airships Could Anchor To a Tower on Woolworth Building



The Electrical Experimenter, which publishes the above picture, says: "In England they have already mooring towers used to take on and put off passengers and freight, it having been proved that it is easier for an airship to anchor to a lofty height than to come down and dive into a shed. This illustration shows how the Woolworth Building or any other building could be equipped with a revolving landing tower, to which the airship can make fast. Passengers and freight can then be readily landed. A project of this kind is entirely feasible from an engineering standpoint."

R-34'S ROUND TRIP OVER SEA FIRST STEP TOWARD REGULAR TRANSATLANTIC AIR SERVICE

Commander Declares Bigger
Craft Will "Go Through
Anything" at 70 Miles.

PULHAM, England, July 14.—The 75-hour voyage of the R-34 from Mineloa, which ended at the Royal Air Force aerodrome at 6:56 o'clock Greenwich mean time yesterday morning, was described by Major H. G. Scott, her commander, to-day as "without incident." Her officers spoke with enthusiasm of the trip, and declared that their flight to America and return was not remarkable, that it was only a step toward regular transatlantic flights by aircraft.

As soon as the big dirigible landed the tired and unshaven but smiling men who composed her crew quickly climbed from the gondolas and were greeted warmly by the officers and soldiers gathered on the field.

"The voyage home has been without incident," said Major Scott. "We want breakfast."

After breakfast, and while enjoying the belated luxury of his little black pipe, smoking not being permitted on the airship, Major Scott told the story of the return flight.

"We estimated that we could make it in from 70 to 80 hours," he said. "We made it in 75. When we left we had a strong wind behind us, and we covered the first 500 miles in about eight hours. When we circled over New York we could plainly see the crowds on Broadway waving to us as we passed, but we could not hear them because of the noise of the engines."

"South of Newfoundland we encountered head winds, and our progress from then on was slower. We travelled at an average height of 2,000 to 5,000 feet, and found much low clouds and fog for twenty-four hours. We struck Ireland at Clifden, and made good progress from there, although our steering engine broke down Saturday morning. We started with 4,900 gallons of gasoline, and had 1,000 gallons left."

"We are naturally pleased with the trip, all of us. I expect important changes in the size and speed of future airships—big ships that will travel seventy to eighty miles an hour and powerful enough to crawl through anything."

Col. William H. Hensley of the United States Air Service, the American observer aboard, was equally enthusiastic, and as he stepped out of the gondola, after shaking hands with the British officers, said:

"This has been a great trip. We were lost one whole day because the

GROUND GAINED BY WILSON IN CONTEST OVER TREATY; OFFERS TO MEET SENATORS

King of Utah, Who Has Been Counted
Upon to Oppose President, Comes
Out Against Changes or Reservations—Swanson Opens Debate,
Defending League.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—With both sides determined to fight to a finish, the real contest over the ratification of the Peace Treaty and acceptance of the League of Nations was opened to-day before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and on the floor of the Senate itself.

There have been weeks of preparation for this struggle, but even now the Republican opponents of the League have not fully decided the course they will pursue.

CROKER'S SON WINS \$217,200 VERDICT AGAINST FATHER

Richard Jr. Accuses Former
Tammany Chief of Breach
of Contract.

Richard Croker, former boss of Tammany Hall, now estate owner of Ireland, who, at one time ruled New York with an iron hand, is at odds with his son, Richard Jr. As a result the son has secured judgments for \$137,181.98 and \$80,019 against his father, and they have been entered in the County Clerk's office against Croker senior.

According to the record, the summons on Mr. Croker was served at No. 617 Fifth Avenue June 4 last and he failed to appear for a trial of the issues. As a result Supreme Court Justice Edward J. Gavegnin held an inquest to-day, and after the hearing entered an order for the judgments as

Crocker's papers alleged that his father appointed him his attorney at law and fact Oct. 1, 1907, with full authority to represent him and transact real and personal business. He was given authority to buy and sell property and to make loans and advances as he saw fit. As a result of this his statement shows that his father was indebted to him for \$125,000 on Dec. 30, 1917. This, with interest and charges, brought the amount up to the major judgment and it was allowed.

The second amount is claimed for a violation of a contract entered into with his father regarding the distribution of his mother's estate. He says he made an agreement with his father by which he was to pay his brother a share of his mother's estate on condition that his father would pay his sister Ethel an amount equal to what he paid his brother. He says the parent has never paid the money on this account, and this judgment was also allowed.

Members of the Foreign Relations Committee said practically all of the two hours' meeting was taken up with

VOTE ON "DRY" REPEAL REFUSED IN HOUSE

Wet Amendments to Enforcement
Bill Ruled Out of Order on
Volstead's Demand.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—An attempt to force a vote on repeal of wartime Prohibition failed to-day in the House. On a point of order raised by Chairman Volstead of the Judiciary Committee an amendment to the pending Prohibition Enforcement Bill, proposed by Representative Isaac, Democrat, Missouri, was ruled out of order.

Other amendments to the bill giving the President authority to repeal war-time Prohibition whenever in his opinion the necessity for its continuation had ceased were offered by Representative Gard, Democrat, Ohio, but were ruled out of order.

NEW \$4,000,000 BUILDING.

American Sugar Refinery Plans
Extension in Brooklyn.
A hearing will be given by Borough President Atieghmann at 11 o'clock Wednesday in Borough Hall, Brooklyn, to the American Sugar Refining Company on its application to close South First, Second, Third and South Fourth Streets from Kent Avenue to the Brooklyn waterfront for the purpose of erecting new buildings to cost between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000. The plant at present employs from 4,000 to 5,000 persons.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING FOES ARE BEATEN IN FINAL FIGHT

Lack 23 Votes in House to
Override Wilson's Veto
of Repeal.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The attempt to override the President's veto on the daylight saving repeal failed in the House to-day.

Opponents of daylight saving lacked twenty-three votes of the two-thirds necessary to pass the measure over the President's veto.

The final vote on the Agricultural Bill, to which the repealer was a rider, was 247 for to 125 against, with one member voting present, measure, and it was allowed.

After the vote the bill was referred to the Agricultural Committee. It will probably be reported to the House late to-day, minus the rider.

Democratic Leaders Clark and Kitchin, as well as many other Democrats, voted against the President. It was said that no effort would be made to pass the repealer measure as a separate bill, as it undoubtedly would be vetoed by the President. Under the now defeated rider the law would have been repealed on Oct. 25.

Sailor's Body Found in River.
The body of John Farley, twenty-six years old, a sailor attached to the U. S. tug Wando, was picked up in the North River off West 80th Street to-day. Farley was drowned last Friday.

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